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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Robert L. Nasser	3736	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-81 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-26, 45-53 and 72-80 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 27, 28, 54, 55 and 81 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-17, 29-44 and 56-71 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Claims 18-26, 45-53, and 72-80 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 1/3/2005.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 27, 28, 54, 55, and 81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sackner 6,551,252. In column 12, lines 21-40, Sackner discloses a method (and inherently a device) to determine ischemia based on differences in ventricular wall motion from the left (side of the body) and right (side of the body) ventricle in a human.

Claims 1, 27, 28, 54, 55, and 81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by John 6052619. In column 9, line 57 through column 10, line 27, John discloses a system and method of detecting ischemia by comparing brainwaves obtained from the left and right sides of the brain, and noting that ischemia is present if the amplitudes of the slow waves are not the same.

Claims 2-17, 29-44, and 56-71 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all

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of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims all define over the art in that none of the art induces the physiological parameter measure in the base claim by provide a stimulus to the right and left sides of the body, as claimed.

John has embodiments where stimuli are provide to induce signals, which are called evoked potentials or average evoked potentials. John also measures naturally occurring EEG signals. In the embodiment where ischemia is determine (Version I, mode 2), John only refers to EEG signals. It is the examiner's understanding based on the entirety of the specification, that the EEG signals in mode 2 are the naturally occurring EEG and not evoked signals.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Boas shows another device that analyzes ischemia from signals from the left and right sides of the body.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert L. Nasser whose telephone number is (571) 272-4731. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, variable hours.

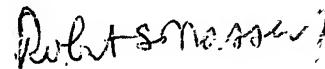
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on (571) 272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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